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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to and including January 18, 2005 (January 15 being a Saturday, January 16 being a Sunday, and January 17 being a holiday), for responding to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2004. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

[X] A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 208861.0481) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

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